



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

October 2020

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on our individual and collective security and privacy; and

WHEREAS, financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems are increasingly reliant on technology; and

WHEREAS, citizens, schools, government agencies, and businesses rely on the internet to conduct business, engage in commerce, access information, and communicate with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, our everyday lives, our economic future, and the security of our nation are dependent upon a safe and reliable cyber network; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth encourages all citizens and all levels of government to take action against cyber attacks in our homes, workplaces, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, all Pennsylvanians can safeguard themselves against cyber hazards by utilizing security practices and implementing security preparedness measures such as the installation of antivirus software programs and knowing how to recognize potential spam attempts; and

WHEREAS, federal and state agencies, as well as the private sector, are working together to deter, prevent, and respond to all types of virtual threats to our personal and financial information; and

WHEREAS, these activities, along with organizations like the Inter-Agency Election Preparedness and Security Workgroup, The Blue Ribbon Commission on Pennsylvania's Election Security, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, National Association of State Chief Information Officers, National Cyber Security Alliance, Pennsylvania Office of Administration, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Governor's Office of Homeland Security, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Stop.Think.Connect national campaign and others, contribute to a level of community responsibility and cyber preparedness that is critical to securing our commonwealth and our nation; and

WHEREAS, as we observe CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH, I urge all citizens to participate in preparedness practices and to review the commonwealth's cybersecurity website at www.cybersecurity.state.pa.us for more information.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH. I call upon all citizens of the commonwealth to recognize the importance of taking the appropriate measures to secure our cyber environment so that all Pennsylvanians can take advantage of the digital information that is available to us.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-sixth day of August two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fifth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor